

News Release

Alpha Lambda Delta at the U of M Crookston Shares Piece of the "Pi" with Crookston Public Schools

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A snowy morning in April didn't stop a group of enthusiastic participants in the first annual Pi Run sponsored by the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) Honor Society at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The Pi Run, meaning 5 km (3.1 miles), roughly equal to pi, was a road race designed to raise funds to benefit academic co-curricular programs, such as after-school programs like the speech team for example, in the Crookston High School. The race took place on Saturday, April 16, 2011, with 50 runners/walkers participating in the event.

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ALD President Heather Donati-Lewis, a senior majoring in equine science from Narcoossee, Fla., was on hand before her graduation on Saturday, May 7, to present a \$500 check from ALD to Wayne Gilman, superintendent of the Crookston Public Schools and Lon Jorgenson, principal at the Crookston High School. The successful fundraising effort was an opportunity for students at the U of M, Crookston to support programs for high school students.



Race Results



The top three male and female runners were awarded prizes during a ceremony following the race, including an iPod Shuffle for the first-place finishers. Josh Parill, East Grand Forks, Minn., was the top male finisher with a time of 20:26.1 and Stacy Kusler, Grand Forks, N.D., finished with a time of 22:57.7 as the top female finisher. Both runners are members of Red River Runners Grand Forks, an area running club.

Finishing in second and third respectively in the men's race were Nico Bennett, Thief River Falls, Minn., and Anton Young, St. Cloud, Minn. Bennett is a 2003 graduate of the U of M, Crookston and Young is a senior majoring in natural resources. Lonnie Olson, Crookston, Minn., finished fourth. Women's finishers in second and third were Elizabeth Tollefson, Crookston, Minn., and Nicole Langerud, East Grand Forks, Minn., respectively Kerri Brantner, Crookston, Minn., finished fourth.



Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society for students who have maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average and are in the top 20% of their class during their first year or term of higher education.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

*In the photos:*  
*Top., right (l to r): Crookston High School Principal Lon Jorgenson, ALD President Heather Donati-Lewis, and Crookston Public Schools Superintendent Wayne Gilman.*

*Middle, left: Top male finishers: Anton Young, Josh Parill, and Nico Bennett.*

*Bottom, right: Top female finishers: Elizabeth Tollefson, Stacy Kusler, and Nicole Langerud.*

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